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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Several communications are received; so far as room will permit, they shall be inserted in the succeeding number.

In answer to various regrets and inquiries about the discontinuing of this work, we answer, that the cause is want of public support, and because the sale is not sufficient to indemnify the expense of publishing. Profit was not an object, but to incur a heavily increasing defalcation cannot be expected, however desirous we may be to serve the public, and promulgate what we consider sound and useful information. To change our plan, we will not consent. A proper and dignified pride forbids. Honesty will not allow us to change our politics, or adopt "Doctrines fashion'd to the varying hour." A sense of propriety likewise forbids us to debase our publication so as to suit the taste of those who declare, that the Belfast Magazine is too grave, and not sufficiently lively. To aim to instruct is more honourable, than to comply with a vitiated taste, which, with a fastidious appearance of delicacy, will not relish substantial information.

A letter has appeared in the Belfast Commercial Chronicle, signed "A Methodist," abusing the proprietors of the Belfast Magazine, for some remarks in our 37th number, for August, 1811, which he supposed bore hard on certain high professors of religion. We refer our readers to the passages objected to, and request them to peruse the retrospect of that month, without thinking it necessary to make any defence on our parts. The spirit of the writer manifested in his abusive remarks, affords an additional confirmation of the sentiment expressed in that retrospect, that many professors of Christianity require themselves to be converted into Christianity. Lord Lyttelton truly remarked, that "the man who is angry at another for not being a Christian, is not a Christian himself." And this judicious remark applies equally to those, who condemn each other for a difference in their common profession of Christianity. Many, content with what they call "sound believing," for want of self-examination, "Know not of what spirit they are," and mistake a hot fiery zeal for the genuine spirit of Christianity.

The following letter did not come to hand in time, to make the proposed addition to the paper of our correspondent in its proper place.

To the Proprietors of the Belfast Magazine.

GENTLEMEN,

If it be a just criterion to judge of the feelings of others by one's own, I am inclined to believe, that all who value a periodical publication from its utility and independence, regret your determination to cease publishing the Magazine at the expiration of the present year. I intended to write, after some little time, something immediately connected with my profession, and which would not be incompatible with the spirit of your work. Disappointed, however, in this, I beg you will have the goodness to prefix these lines to the communications from Filius Hiberniæ, otherwise to sign them Filius Hiberniæ, alias Michael Connell, Professor of Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, French, &c. Quay, Waterford. Your compliance shall, Gentlemen, very much oblige, your obedient humble servant,

MICHAEL CONNELL.

Waterford, Nov. 14, 1812.